

## ALDRICH LAKE (Granby)

## General Information:

This is a relatively small, 66-acre, infertile, warm water pond located off Amherst Street just northwest of the center of Granby. Amherst Street divides the lake into two basins. Access to the west basin is a dirt road opposite Bachelder Street off Amherst Road on land owned by the Department of Natural Resources. An informal dirt ramp is suitable for car top boat and canoe launching.

The lake is relatively shallow with a maximum depth of 13 feet. The 2.5 miles of shoreline are relatively undeveloped, with only ten residential dwellings. Aquatic vegetation is very heavy and the bottom is a mixture of gravel and muck. Most of the shoreline is forested.

This pond can be found on the U.S.G.S. topographic quad map titled "Mt. Holyoke." Nearby fishing areas include Forge Pond and Bachelor Brook

## Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled in July 1980. The ten species observed, listed in order of abundance, include bluegill, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, largemouth bass, yellow perch, white sucker, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, black crappie and yellow bullhead. Growth rates of largemouth bass, pickerel, yellow perch, black crappie and pumpkinseed are above average to excellent. There is a large forage base of golden shiners.

## Fishing:

The bass population exhibits a low stock density of quality size fish 12 inches and larger, but this does not preclude the presence of some large bass. There are some nice yellow perch to be taken, while abundant bluegill and pumpkinseeds should provide good panfish action.

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